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LEBANON: SARKIS ANNOUNCES FORMATION OF NATIONAL SALVATION BODY

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(TEXT) THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT HAS BEEN ISSUED BY THE PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTORATE GENERAL:

HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT ILYAS SARKIS THIS MORNING, MONDAY 14 JUNE 1982, RECEIVED IN THE REPUBLICAN PALACE HIS EXCELLENCY PRIME MINISTER SHAFIQ AL-WAZZAN. THEY IMMEDIATELY HELD A MEETING DURING WHICH THEY REVIEWED THE CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE COUNTRY.

AS A RESULT OF THIS MEETING, IT WAS DECIDED TO FORM A NATIONAL SALVATION BODY (HAY'AT INQADH WATANI), UNDER THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, TO HELP HIM IN CONFRONTING THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. THE SALVATION BODY IS FORMED AS FOLLOWS: PRIME MINISTER SHAFIQ AL-WAZZAN, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AND EXPATRIATE AFFAIRS FU'AD BUTRUS, DEPUTY NASRI AL-MA'LUF, NABIH BIRRI, SHAYKH BASHIR AL-JUMAYYIL AND WALID JUNBLATT.

THE SALVATION BODY HAS BEEN CALLED TO HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING AT 1500 (1300 GMT--FBIS) TODAY, MONDAY, AT THE REPUBLICAN PALACE IN B'ABDA.

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